

*In the Specification*

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--VPN NAT rules are propagated for inbound processing from outer connection t1 52 to inner connection t2 54 dynamically rather than statically. After processing ~~and inbound~~ an inbound datagram for a outer connection t1 52 inbound SA, if the next header is IPsec and the destination IP address is local, a check is made for any VPN NAT rules. If found, they are propagated to the next inbound SA. After IPsec processing, if the resulting datagram does not have an IPsec next header, the VPN NAT rule(s) are applied.--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In step 112, ~~or outbound~~ for outbound SA, gateway propagates VPN NAT rule from outer tunnel t1 52 to inner tunnel t2 54, when the inner tunnel t2 is started.--.

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